

DelDOT explains Rt. 1 bypass toll information

With new toll plazas or ramps expected to come on line Nov. 17, Delaware's Department of Transportation (DelDOT) is trying to provide motorists with the information they need to drive on State Route 1, which is more commonly known as the bypass.

DelDOT's Michelle Ackels said facilities at both Biddle's Corner and Boyd's Corner will come on line. Biddle's Corner is right below the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal near the Chesdel Diner.

Boyd's Corner is located below that, but north of the existing bypass, which now ends north of Smyrna. Vehicles with two axles entering State Route 1 at Boyd's Corner would pay 75 cents to travel to South Smyrna, \$1 to travel to Denney's Road, which is located in the Dover area, or \$1.50 to travel to Dover.

Two-axle vehicles entering State Route 1 at Biddle's Corner pay \$1 to go to Boyd's Corner, \$1.25 to go to South Smyrna, \$1.50 to go to Denney's Road and \$2 for a trek from there to Dover.

As always, DelDOT is encouraging riders to use its EZPass. That system, which is used on a number of other regional road systems including the New Jersey Turnpike allows drivers to pay by credit card or check. They are issued a card and do not have to stop at the toll both in an effort to increase both convenience and speed. A toll booth camera reads the card and automatically deducts the cost from the motorist's account. There is a 15 percent discount for two axle motorists who use the EZPass system.

The tolls were designed with three objectives, according to DelDOT. The three objectives were as follows:

- repay the system in a timely manner
- to encourage the use of State Route 1 (SR1)
- to provide toll relief to frequent Delaware based users of SR1